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SOURCE

At a meeting of the SED enterprise group in the Deutscher Innen-  
und Aussenhandel (DIA) which was held [ ] 1953  
and which was conducted separately for the various branches of the  
DIA, SED functionaries requested information on agents of foreign or  
West German firms living in West Berlin who were of importance for  
DIA transactions. When asked the reasons for this request, they  
answered in a non-committal way implying that the information was  
needed in connection with the preparation of entry permits. Source  
thought that the order was possibly connected with Pieck's speech  
on New Year's Eve regarding possible measures in conjunction with  
ratification of the Contractual Agreement.

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Comment. Information from another source has also indicated,  
in connection with Pieck's speech, that special permits for West-East  
traffic would possibly be introduced in Berlin and East Germany.

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